IPF DONATES PRINCESS ELISABETH TO BELGIAN STATE



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During an official ceremony that took place on April 1st, 2010, Mrs. Sabine Laruelle, Belgian Federal Minister for Science Policy, and Alain Hubert, President of the International Polar Foundation, signed a partnership protocol between the IPF and the Belgian State. The protocol, besides marking the donation of the Princess Elisabeth research station to the Belgian State, defines the International Polar Foundation as the Antarctic Operator within the Belgian Polar Secretariat and the rightful owner of the intellectual property rights as the author of Princess Elisabeth Antarctica.

The Belgian Polar Secretariat is responsible for all scientific, operational, financial and administrative matters related to Princess Elisabeth Antarctica in order to conduct scientific research in a safe environment. This public-private partnership will now be presided over by Alain Hubert for a five-year term.